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MESSAGE

I am very glad to learn that the Government of Madras has established a new Agricultural College at Madurai. Its inauguration is an event of some importance for our country. We are primarily an agricultural nation, agriculture being the principal source of livelihood for millions of our people. While industry has taken considerable strides as a result of planned development under the three Five-Year Plans, agriculture has lagged behind. The lag in agriculture must be made up.

As an institute of higher learning, the college will be engaged in imparting knowledge as well as in increasing the frontiers of knowledge. We must by all means, learn from the experience of other nations and try to acquire the advanced techniques developed by them to increase agricultural productivity. But it is also important to realise that experience and techniques cannot be transplanted wholesale without adaptation. To adapt the techniques developed under different conditions requires a deep and intimate knowledge of the conditions prevailing in our country and also an equally deep insight into the psychology of the Indian peasant. Techniques are implemented by men whose willing cooperation is a pre-condition to the successful adaptation of the technique.

I am sure the new Government College will play a prominent part in improving agricultural productivity in India. On the occasion of the inauguration of the College permit me to wish you all success in the task of improving Indian agriculture.

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President